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Abstract of the Articles

The Guidance of Islam in the Present Situation (Eid al-Adha Sermon)

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Maulana Syed Jalaluddin Umari, Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, delivers Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha sermons at Masjid Ishaat-e-Islam in the complex of Jamaat headquarters every year. People in large numbers from far and wide as well as adjoining areas throng there to listen to the sermons. In the sermon the Maulana delivered this Eid al-Adha, he said a lot to guide Muslims in the present difficult situation. He advised them to stand well acquainted with the prevailing situation and put courage and valour to service. Howsoever difficult the situation might be, they ought not be disappointed, rather keep patience and steadfastness. They ought to keep from sentimentalism, practise unity at the social level and put their differences to an end. It is their responsibility that they strengthen their relationship with Allah the Exalted and popularise the teachings of Islam

A Glance at Pickthall's Translation of the Qur'an

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British revert Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthall (1875-1936 C.E.) had the honour to present the translation of the Qur'an into English in 1930. Today the number of complete translation of the Qur'an into English is over 120. Despite this Pickthall's translation holds a distinguished position. Up till 1930 there were three kinds of translation of the Qur'an: misleading and mutilated translations of Orientalists, translations representing the misguided beliefs of Qadiyaniyat, and substandard translations by unknown Muslims. Pickthall's translation got huge popularity. It has been reprinted more than two hundred times in the various parts of the world. Moreover, this translation proved a torchbearer for future translators who benefited with it.

This article analyses Pickthall's translation of the Qur'an and presents its merits and also certain shortcomings.

Initial Marks of *Ilm-i-Hadith* in the Indian Subcontinent

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Arabs had relations with India since the ancient time. Many Companions came here during the realm of the Rightly Guided Caliphs. Later on, when Muhammad bin Qasim conquered Sind, there were many learned persons in his army, who promoted Islamic knowledge and learning especially Ilm-i-Hadith. Among the Muhadditheen of the early period the names of Moosa ibn Yaqoob, Muhallab ibn Abi Sufra, Israil ibn Moosa, Rabea bin Sabeeh, Abu Ma'shar Sindhi, Raja' Sindhi, his son Muhammad ibn Raja' Sindhi and Shaikh Ismail Lahori are in particular worth mentioning. They held their Dars sessions, benefitted people with their sermons and also wrote books. The writers of history of Tadween-e-Hadith (compilation of Hadith) have acknowledged their services and tried to ascertain their position.

The Position of Zad al-Ma'ad in Seerah Literature

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Thousands of books have been written on the

Prophet's Seerah, in the various languages of the world. But none of them could receive as much fame and importance as Allama Ibn al-Qayyim's *Zad al-Ma'ad fi Had-i-Khair-il-Iba'ad*. Allama Ibn al-Qayyim was one of the distinguished disciples of Allama Ibne Taimiyya. He was well versed in Tafsir, Hadith and Fiqh. In *Zad al-Ma'ad* he has mentioned the Ibadah, habits, dealings and battles of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be to him).

This is a book par excellence as far as the jurisprudential style of Seerah is concerned. Turning the pages of Seerah, he says that the various aspects of Seerah have a lot of guidance for common Muslims. This book represents every aspect, including Fiqh, Seerah, Spirituality and Tasawwuf. It also throws light on the way of Tarbiyah of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be to him).

This article introduces *Zad al-Ma'ad* in the light of Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Ghazi's book, *Muhazaraat-e-Seerat* and has tried to ascertain its position and worth in comparison to other books on Seerah.

Methodology of Imam Ibn-e-Taimiyya of Renewal and Reformation

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Ibn-e-Taimiyya (661-728/1263-1327) is one of the most dynamic and seminal personalities in the history of

Islam. Born in an age which was characterised by large numbers of distortions in the Muslim society, he struggled hard to revive the Muslim society through inward animation and re-interpretation of its values in the light of a new spirit of Ijtihad (interpretation of law) based on direct recourse to the Qur'an and the Sunnah. He came to be hailed as the Mujaddid of his age. His thought influenced not only his contemporaries in the Muslim heartlands but reached far beyond.

There are seven basic principles and rules adopted by Ibn e Taimiyya for reformation; all these are discussed in detail in this article. This article should guide the researchers and preachers to understand the method of reformation of religion, with the help of Ibn e Taimiyya's methodology of revival and reformation.

The Arguments of 'Nahi' in Books of Principles by Theologians and Experts of Ilm-i-Kalam

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Islam is a complete code of life, not merely a set of beliefs. Islamic principles of jurisprudence and Usool-i Fiqh like extracting results from the Qur'an and Sunnah in a

particular contemporary issue are a wonderful distinction of it. Through the principles of Usool-i Fiqh the jurisprudents (Fuqha'a) present the solution of a particular problem in the light of the Qur'an and Sunnah. The discussion of 'Nahi' and its role is very important in the rules of extracting laws. This article will help to comprehend the role and importance of Nahi, its types and ways of implementation respectively, and this discussion is also a comparison between Fuqha'a and Mutakalameen in paradigm of discussion about Nahi.

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